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Title: SYSTEM FOR SCHEDULED CACHING OF IN-BAND DATA SERVICES**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT****RECEIVED**

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Prior to examination of this application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 8 and 24 without prejudice or disclaimer thereto.

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) A computerized-system for scheduled caching of in-band data broadcast in a channel comprising:
 a real-time scheduling process; and
 a user initiated scheduling process operable for determining a scheduled time and channel for an in-band data broadcast, and for invoking the real-time scheduling process to schedule execution of a caching process at approximately the scheduled time, wherein the caching process is operable for powering-on the tuning circuitry, for instructing tuner circuitry to tune to the scheduled channel, for receiving the in-band data from the tuning circuitry regardless of the presence of a user, and for storing the in-band data for subsequent processing ,whereby the information may subsequently be retrieved and viewed or used by the user.

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9 (Twice Amended) A method of scheduled caching of in-band data broadcast in a channel comprising the steps of:

determining a schedule for the in-band data broadcast, wherein the schedule comprises a time and a channel, said [determination] determining being initiated by a user;
 instructing tuning circuitry to power on and to tune to the schedule channel at

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